

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-55 are currently pending in this application, with claims 21 and 39 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Entry of amendment

This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

While not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of this application, claim 39 has been amended. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

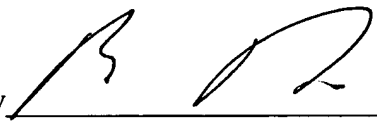
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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